(c) if so, what progress has so for been made in the matter ; and

(d) by when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (c) While the Government has under its consideration the question of restructuring of Department of Supply/DGS AD, no final decision has been taken in the matter. Details such as the placement of DGS &D and its employees under a different Department/Ministry would be finalised at the appropriate time in the light of the Government decision on the main issue of restructuring.

(d) No definite time frame has been drawn up.

Export-oriented Units in NER

4437. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of export-oriented units functioning at present in the NER state-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to set up export-oriented units in NER, particularly where no such unit is functioning;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) One Export Oriented Unit (EOU) is functioning in Assam and three in Sikkim. Although three EOUs have been approved in Meghalaya and one in Tripura but none of them is functioning.

(b) and (c) EOUs are set up by private enterprise and approvals are accorded as per EXIM Policy. Government acts only as a facilitator for their implementation.

(d) The Government is organising seminars/open houses to publicise the scheme in consultation with State Governments.

Items Exported from NER

4438. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of exported from the States of NER during the last five years;

(b) the details of amount of foreign exchange earned through export of these items; and